## **Session Objective**

IRS will provide a brief overview of the new Large and Mid-Size Business Operating Division, profile the market segments, discuss strategic approaches, and taxpayer assistance initiatives. The new executive management team will be introduced, and the five industry segments will be detailed.

### **Moderator and Panelists**

#### **Moderator:**

Charles W. Shewbridge III, Chief Tax Executive, BellSouth Corporation, Atlanta, GA; and International President, Tax Executives Institute, Washington, DC

#### Panelists:

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LLP

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Revenue Service

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Bobby Scott Director of Natural Resources, Internal

Revenue Service

Thomas J. Smith Director of Heavy Manufacturing,

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Elvin Hedgepeth Deputy Director of International, Internal

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Richard Goelz Director of Field Operations, Retails,

Food and Pharmaceutical, Internal

Revenue Service

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Service

## **Discussion Points**

- Consistent, timely and direct responses from accountable headquarters and industry managers throughout the LMSB organization.
- LMSB recognition of the needs of our customers who operate in a global environment and the increased emphasis on international taxation.
- Reduced examination time, cost and burden through enhanced pre-filing guidance and issue resolution before escalation to Appeals or Tax Court.
- Improved efficiency in examination processes through case planning and information management.
- Reduced examination cost and burden through technology electronic communication and data transfer to reduce paper retention and exchange.
- The LMSB initiatives represent our best attempts to provide "World class Tax Services" to a global customer base.
- LMSB will partner with external stakeholders to achieve the LMSB modernization objectives.

# **Modernization Update**The New IRS Stands UP

## Meet the New IRS: Large & Mid-Size Business Operating Division

#### LMSB At-a-Glance

Mission: To provide LMSB customers top quality

service by helping them understand and meet their tax responsibilities and by applying the tax law with integrity and fairness to all.

Headquarters: Washington, DC

Management Team: Larry R. Langdon, Commissioner

Deborah M. Nolan, Deputy

Commissioner

### Industry Headquarters:

Retailers, Food and Pharmaceutical —
 Robert E. Brazzil, Director

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Chicago, IL (25,000 businesses)

 Natural Resources — Houston, TX Bobby L. Scott, Director (15,000 businesses)

Financial Services & Healthcare —
 David B. Robison, Director
 New York, NY (40,000 businesses)

 Heavy Manufacturing, Construction & Transportation — Thomas J. Smith, Director New Jersey (88,000 businesses)

 Communications, Technology & Media — Thomas R. Wilson, Jr.

Northern California (12,000 businesses)

Field Offices throughout the nation in an industry-based organization.

#### **Taxpayer Profile:**

- Corporations, Subchapter S corporations, and partnerships with more than \$5 million in assets.
- The largest business taxpayers interact with the IRS in an on-going basis.
- Most have in-house tax divisions.
- Major issues are tax law interpretation, accounting and regulatory issues, many operating in a global environment.

### Meet the New IRS:

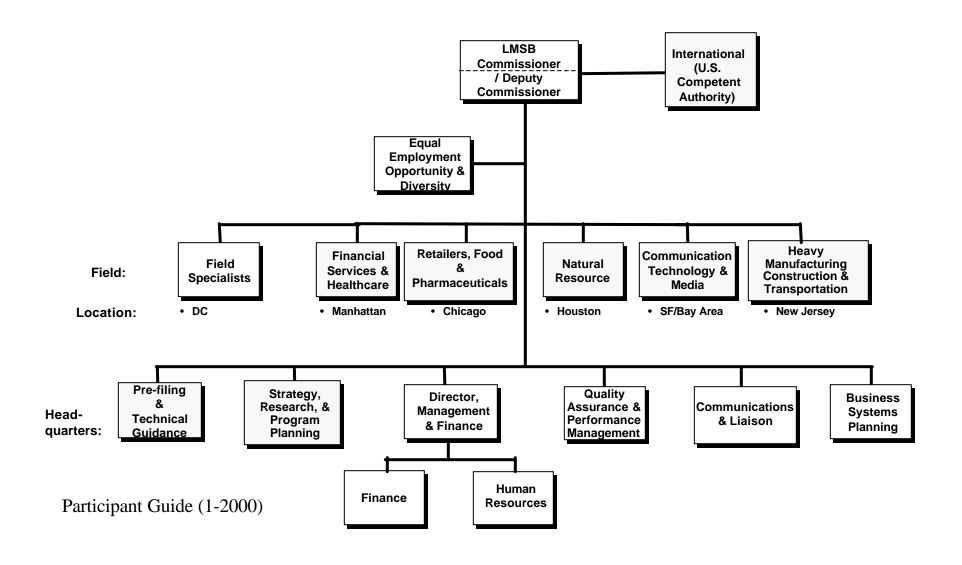
Large & Mid-Size Business Operating Division

LMSB's vision is to be a world class organization responsive to the needs of customers in a global environment, while applying innovative approaches to customer service and compliance. It will apply the tax law with integrity and fairness through a highly skilled workforce, in an environment of inclusion where each employee can make a maximum contribution to the mission of the team.

What is different for America's LMSB taxpayers?

- An improved customer-focused organization
- Taxpayer issues resolved at earliest possible point
- Interaction less difficult, time consuming, expensive, and contentious
- New and improved business practices and processes
- Tailored products and services
- Highly trained and focused IRS workforce
- Increased focus and coordination of industry issues
- Strong interaction with Chief Counsel organization
- Integrated international component

## THE NEW LMSB ORGANIZATION



## Meet the New IRS: Large & Mid-Size Business Operating Division

## Improvements in LMSB tax administration will occur in four major areas

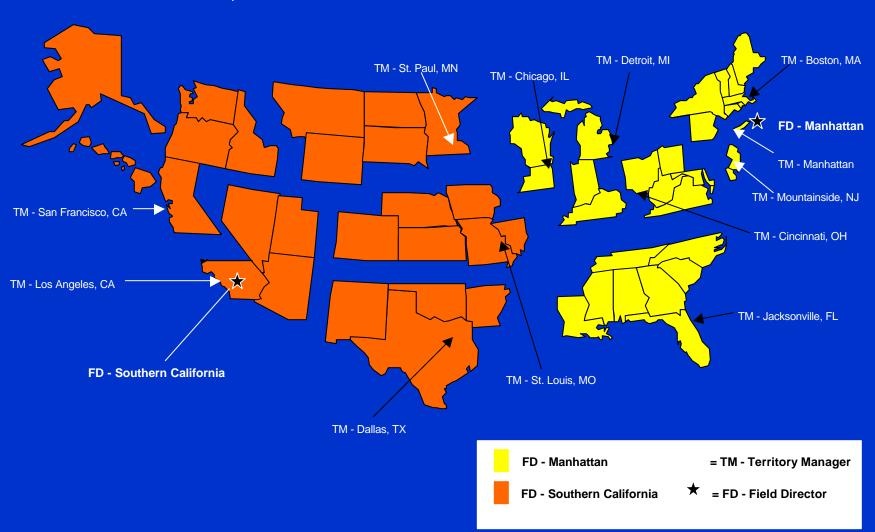
1.	More consistent, timely and direct responses from accountable industry managers through the LMSB Organizational Design	•	Managers and executives more directly involved in customer service and compliance activities  Industry managers are decision makers, as well as knowledgeable in industry and technical issues  Integration of international tax expertise throughout the organization enables enhancement of customer service and compliance for an increasingly multinational customer base
2.	Reduced Examination duration, costs and burden through enhanced Pre-Filing Guidance and Issue Resolution to resolve issues before forwarding the case to Appeals or Tax Court		Pre-filing services available to provide guidance and minimize controversy on a filed return  Expedited published guidance and better coordination of litigation and legislation strategy due to enhanced coordination among Counsel, Treasury and LMSB  Issue management approach to resolve all open year issues using available alternative dispute resolution tools  Strengthened abilities and increased authority to resolve issues at the lowest possible level as soon as possible  Enhanced use of industry agreements to improve customer service and compliance  Uniform resolution of issues throughout the LMSB taxpayer base
3.	Improved efficiency in examination cases through Case Planning and Information Management	•	Coordinated focus with taxpayers on key issues Project management techniques applied to large examinations Taxpayers involved in the planning process
4.	Reduced examination costs and burden through Technology – electronic communication and data transfer to reduce paper retention and exchange		Electronic communications in a secure environment  Electronic filing of corporate tax returns  Enhanced ability to identify emerging issues based on data and research resulting in earlier guidance to taxpayers and uniform compliance.

# RETAILERS, FOOD & PHARMACEUTICALS

- 25,000 taxpayers approximately 1,000 large
   businesses and 24,000 mid-size businesses
- Headquarters: Chicago
- Taxpayers related to food and beverage, retailing,
   pharmaceuticals, agricultural commodities and farms
- Similarity of financial reporting
- Similar growth patterns and geographic dispersions

# RETAILERS, FOOD AND PHARMACEUTICALS

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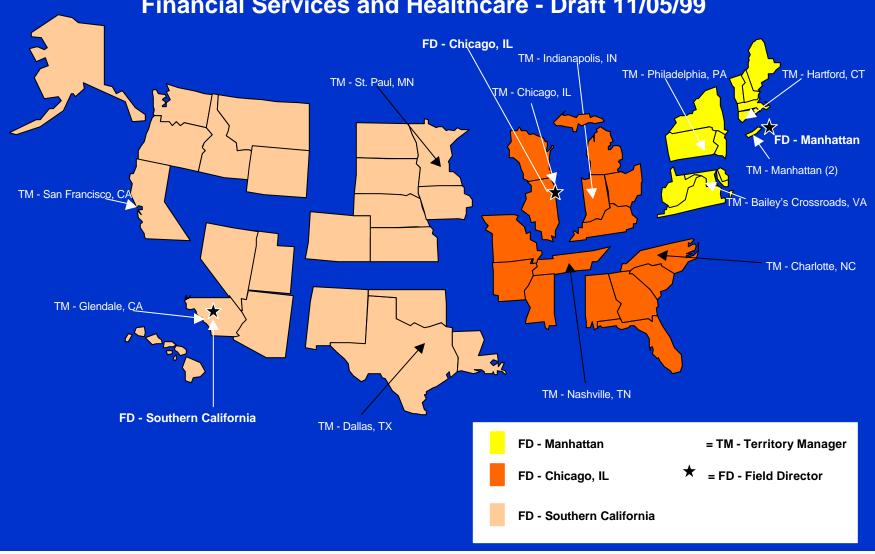


# FINANCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTHCARE

- Largest sector: 40,000 taxpayers approximately
   5,000 large businesses and 35,000 mid-size
   businesses
- Headquarters: Manhattan
- Taxpayers related to commercial banking, savings and loans, securities and other financial services, health care and insurance
- Widespread consolidation across industries
- Large growth from international expansion

# FINANCIAL SERVICES AND **HEALTHCARE**



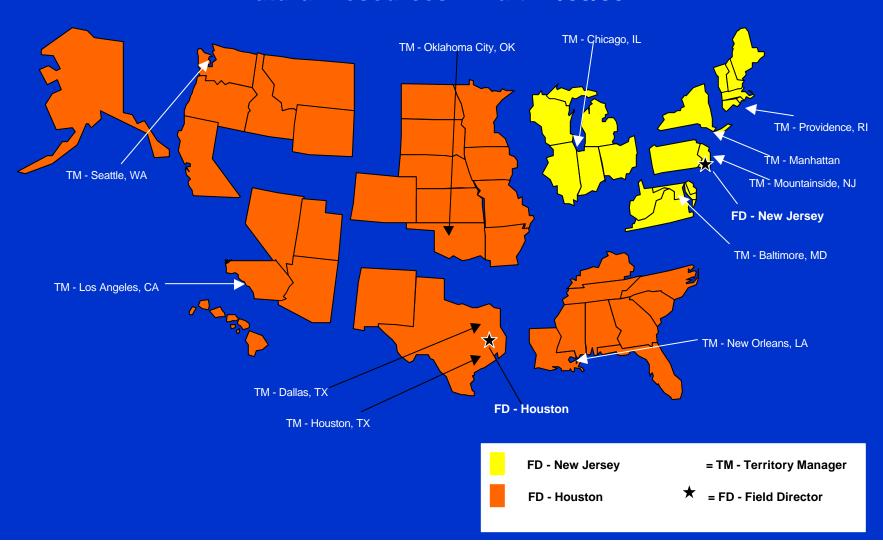


## NATURAL RESOURCES

- 15,000 taxpayers approximately 1,300 large businesses and 13,700 mid-size businesses
- Headquarters: Houston
- Taxpayers related to oil and gas, mining, forest products and utilities
- Reflects chemical engineering, energy-related industries and all natural resources
- Significant growth from overseas activities expected
- Utility component is experiencing significant merger activity

## NATURAL RESOURCES

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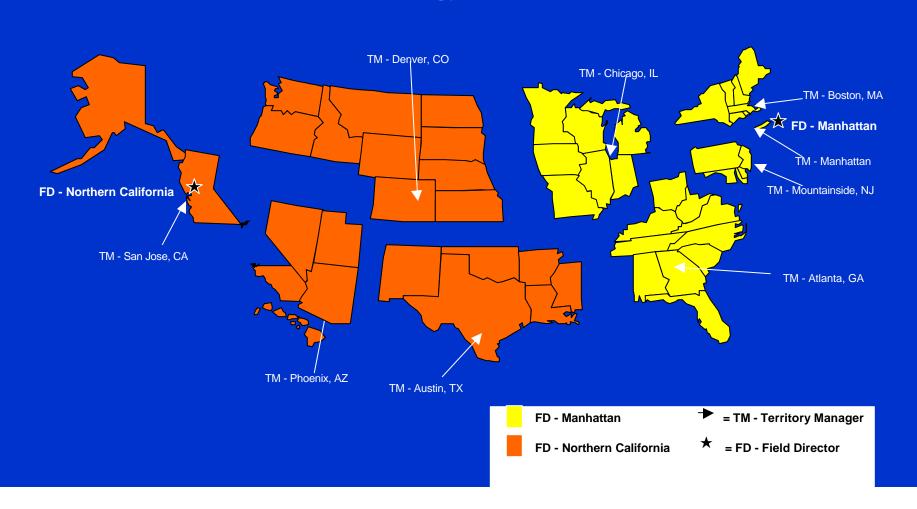


# COMMUNICATIONS, TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA

- 12,000 taxpayers approximately 500 large businesses and 11,500 mid-size businesses
- Headquarters: San Francisco Bay Area
- Taxpayers related to:
  - Production of computers
  - Media, including communications and software
  - Sport franchises and recreational firms
- Experiencing extremely high growth and significant industry convergence

# COMMUNICATIONS, TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA

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## HEAVY MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION & TRANSPORTATION

- 88,000 taxpayers approximately 1,500 large businesses
   and 86,500 mid-size businesses
- Headquarters: Central New Jersey
- Taxpayers related to air and ground transportation,
   aerospace, motor vehicles, shipping, construction and real estate
- Reflects heavy manufacturing businesses
- Sensitive to interest rate changes/volatility
- Highly cyclical
- Slow to moderate growth expected

## HEAVY MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION & TRANSPORTATION

**Heavy Manufacturing, Construction and Transportation - Draft 11/05/99** 

